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NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY CEASES SALES OF "2X THE MONEY"

Today the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) elected to stop selling the instant scratch-off game, "2X the Money." Orders for this game have ceased and the NCEL sales staff will be picking up all tickets issued to retailers.

"There has been some confusion by players regarding the game," said Tom Shaheen, executive director, "so we decided that it was in the best interest of the players and the State of North Carolina to remove the game from play."

The confusion stems from a misunderstanding by players as to whether a symbol on the ticket is a winning prize code or a security symbol. It is important that players be able to easily understand the instant scratch-off tickets. The NCEL strives to maintain a good relationship with players which is why the NCEL made this decision.

With the removal of this game, ten instant scratch-off games remain in play.

For more information about the NCEL visit its Web sites at www.nc-educationlottery.org or www.lottery.nc.gov. The phone number to call is (919) 715-6886 (71-LOTTO).

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